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In re application: Ahrens et al.

Serial No.: 09/779,365

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For: Cache Thresholding Method,  
Apparatus, and Program for  
Predictive Reporting of Array Bit  
Line or Driver Failures

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Examiner: McCarthy, Christopher S.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.